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## Office Action Summary

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09/837,298

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**Examiner**

Thjuan P. Knowlin

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 June 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7,9-13,16 and 18-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7,9-13,16 and 18-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 December 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. Applicant's amendment filed on June 16, 2006 has been entered. Claims 1, 10, and 18 are amended. Claims 6, 8, 14, 15, and 17 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-5, 7, 9-13, 16, and 18-25 are still pending in this application, with claims 1, 10, and 18 being independent.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 7, 9-10, 16, 18, and 21-25 are rejected under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunn et al (US 6,463, 144), in view of Yablon (US 5,764,731).
3. In regards to claims 1, 10, 18, 21, 22, and 23, Dunn discloses a method for identifying a calling party number of a switching system comprising: checking whether a termination subscriber has registered for a calling party number call-back service when a call set-up is requested; storing a calling party number of an origination subscriber (e.g., calling party/originator) if the termination subscriber (e.g., called party/terminating user) has registered for the calling party number call-back service (See col. 6 lines 1-12); announcing (e.g., voice message) the stored calling party number to the termination subscriber if a calling party number confirming request is received from the

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termination subscriber (See col. 6 lines 13-20). Dunn, however, does not disclose wherein storing the calling party number comprises: comparing an area code of the calling party number with an area code of the termination subscriber; and storing the calling party number exclusive of the area code if the two area codes are identical to each other, and storing both the area code and the corresponding calling party number if the two area codes are different from each other. Yablon, however, does disclose wherein storing the calling party number comprises: comparing an area code of the calling party number with an area code of the termination subscriber; and storing the calling party number exclusive of the area code (for example, trimming the area code from an incoming number) if the two area codes are identical to each other, and storing both the area code and the corresponding calling party number if the two area codes are different from each other (See col. 13 lines 51-61). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ these features within the method, as a way of providing a call-back service to a called party, while storing the area code of the calling party based upon whether or not the area code of the calling party and called party are different or not.

4. In regards to claim 7, Dunn discloses the method, wherein the predetermined form refers to a voice announcement or a display form (See col. 6 lines 28-32).

5. In regards to claims 9 and 16, Dunn discloses the method, wherein the calling party number includes a plurality of calling party numbers, which are displayed on a display unit, each calling party number being assigned with a number sequentially (See col. 6 lines 7-13).

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6. In regards to claims 24 and 25, Dunn discloses the method, wherein announcing the calling party number comprises: sensing input of a code (e.g., user ID/telephone number) from the termination subscriber; checking whether the sensed code is a code for confirming the calling party number; announcing (e.g., announcement to POTS phones or voice mail) the calling party number of the origination subscriber stored in the memory in a predetermined form to the termination subscriber if the sensed code is a calling party number confirmation code (See col. 6 lines 21-32); and requesting the termination subscriber select whether or not the announced calling party number is automatically called back (See col. 6 lines 40-65).

7. Claims 2-3, 4-5, 11-13, and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunn et al (US (US 6,463,144), in view of Yablon (US 5,764,731), and further in view of Farris (US 5,692,033).

8. In regards to claims 2 and 11, Dunn and Yablon disclose all of claims 2 and 11 limitations, except the method, wherein identifying a calling party number comprises: requesting the calling party number from the origination processing unit if the requested call is an intra-office call; checking whether a switching system of an intra-office is a single station when the calling party number is informed; and storing the calling party number informed by the origination processing unit in a data base if the switching system of an intra-office is single station. Farris, however, does disclose the method, wherein identifying a calling party number comprises: requesting the calling party

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number from the origination processing unit if the requested call is an intra-office call; checking whether a switching system of an intra-office is a single station when the calling party number is informed; and storing the calling party number informed by the origination processing unit in a data base if the switching system of an intra-office is single station (See col. 7 lines 29-41 and col. 11 lines 57-63). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ this feature within the method, as a way of providing a call-back service to a called party, in which, the calling party is sending an intra-office call from a single station.

9. In regards to claim 3, Dunn and Yablon disclose all of claim 3 limitations, except the method, wherein the calling party number is not stored if a terminal of the termination subscriber is busy. Farris, however, does disclose the method, wherein the calling party number is not stored if a terminal of the termination subscriber is busy (See col. 7 lines 50-58 and col. 9 lines 32-37).

10. In regards to claim 4, 5, 12, 13, 19, and 20, Dunn and Yablon disclose all of claims 4, 5, 12, 13, 19, and 20 limitations, except the method, wherein storing the calling party number comprises: requesting a calling party number from the origination processing unit if the requested call is an intra-office call; and checking whether a switching system of the intra-office is a multi-station when the calling party number is informed. Farris, however, does disclose the method, wherein storing the calling party number comprises: requesting a calling party number from the origination processing unit if the requested call is an intra-office call and checking whether a switching system

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of the intra-office is a multi-station when the calling party number is informed (See col. 7 lines 29-41 and col. 11 lines 57-63).

### ***Response to Arguments***

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5, 7, 9-13, 16, and 18-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

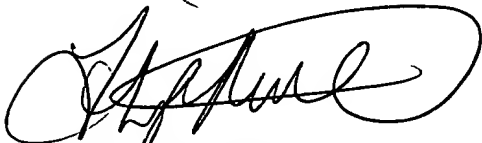
12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kakutani (US 6,320,950) teaches a communication control unit having a free dial and collect call function by utilizing caller ID signals. Weber (US 6,198,812) teaches an incoming telephone call filter utilizing a duplicitous caller-ID recognition method and apparatus. Suder et al (US 6,067,349) teach a telephone and voice mail system, which is used for dialing user caller ID.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P. Knowlin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

14. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing Chan can be reached on (571) 272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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